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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON CRITICISM OF NATO AT UN

REF:USNATO 6150

1. AT NOVEMBER 18 POLADS MEETING, TURKISH REP (ERALP, SAID, ON INSTRUCTIONS, THAT HIS AUTHORITIES FAVOR ALLIED CONSULTATIONS INS

NEW YORK ON UN RESOLUTIONS WHICH IRRESPONSIBLY CRITICIZE NATO. ANKARA BELIEVES THAT ALLIES SHOULD STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH NON-ALIGNED ON THIS SUBJECT, PARTICULARLY WITH AFRICANS, AND SEEK TO OBTAIN DELETION OF SUCH OBJECTIONABLE LANGUAGE PRIOR TO CIRCULATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS. ONCE A DRAFT RESOLUTION IS IN CIRCULATION, ERALP COMMENTED, IT IS HARDER TO OBTAIN DELETION OF UNDESIRABLE PASSAGES. NEVETTSS, ERALP CONTINUED, TURKISH AUTHORITIES BELIEVE IT BEST IF NATO COUNTRIES ACTED ON THIS MATTER INDIVIDUALLY RATHER THAN AS A BLOC. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT ONCE A RESOLUTION COMES TO THE VOTING STATE, DIFFERING NUANCES OF APPROACH AMONG ALLIES MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR ALL NATO COUNTRIES TO VOTE TOGETHER. IN CONCLUSION, ERALP SAID THAT TUEKEY BELONGS TO AFRO-SIAN GROUP AND WILL TRY QUIETLY TO OBTAIN DELETION OF ANTI-NATO LANGUAGE FROM DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AT AN EARLY STATE.

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2. FRG REP (CITRON) NOTED THAT THE THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION, WHICH HAD ORIGINALLY PROMPTED FRG SUGGESTION THAT ALLIES DISCUSS PROBLEM OF ANTI-NATO CRITICISM, HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY THE UNGA DESPITE THE OPPOSING VOTES OF "SOME NATO COUNTRIES"

AGAINST THE OFFENSIVE PARAGRAPH. CITRON ADDED THAT THE FRG UNDELEGATION HAD COMMENTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS SEEKING THE DELETION OF THE OFFENSIVE PARAGRAPH HAD FAILED BECAUSE SOME NATO COUNTRY DELEGATIONS WERE UNABLE TO GO ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE RESOLUTION.

3. IN A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF HOW ALLIES SHOULD PROCEED ON THIS ISSUE IN FUTURE, FRG REP SUGGESTED THAT CONSULTATIONS CONTINUE IN NEW YORK DURING THE CURRENT UNGA SESSION, AS WELL AS NEXT YEAR. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, US REP (SHOSTAL) THOUGHT THIS ISSUE COULD BE AIRED BY EXPERTS MEETING AT NATO FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO 1976 UNGA. FRENCH REP (BEAUCHATAUD) SUPPORTED US SUGGESTION.

4. ACTION REQUEST: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT COMMENT ON ADVISABILITY OF FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER AT PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS AT NATO NEXT YEAR.
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